

LUTSKO

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1. Why Westies?

Beside their good looks, they have made my life so much fuller and happier, I love the breed.

2. From whom did you obtain your first Westie?

I found my first Westie through a newspaper ad.

3. Was this Westie purchased as a pet or show dog?

I bought the dog as a pet.

4. Who was your most important mentor and why?

Peggy Haas helped us so much with showing our Westie to her championship, and also for sponsoring us for membership in West Highland White Terrier Club of Northern Illinois, and the Parent club.

5. What do you remember most about this mentor?

Her knowledge, patience and kindness to us and all newcomers to the breed made the Westie experience that much more meaningful.

6. Who were some of the other mentors that influenced you? How did they do so?

The Napadys, Tom, Stella, and Susan have also done a great deal for us. Their knowledge and friendship helped us so many times. We also fondly remember the good times we had on shared rides to dog shows.

7. To date, what has been your most important/ memorable moment in Westies?

We will always remember Peggy Haas showing our Ch.Lutsko's Tuf Luck to her championship.

8. What is your favorite dog show? Why?

Our favorite remains the Westminster show.

We love Westminster because so many wonderful dogs are shown there, you can meet people from almost everywhere and the show is conducted with great professionalism. It also doesn't hurt that a trip to Westminster comes attached to a trip to the Big Apple.

9. Who taught you to groom?

Of course Peggy Haas provided many valuable lessons, we also learned from reading and watching others grooming at dog shows

10. Who taught you to evaluate litters and young stock?

For the few litters we did have, we asked Peggy's opinion.

11. When you look back, which of your Westies would you consider your favorite *or most influential*? Why?

My Ch. Lutsko's Tuf Luck ("Scruffy") was influential for me. Because of her I met so many wonderful people and dogs and have been to so many amazing dog shows. I also loved watching Ch. Rannoch Dune Downbeat.

12. Also looking back, which sire, in your opinion, had a *strong* influence on the breed?

For me these would have been Ch.Rannoch Dune Downbeat and Ch. Elfinbrook Simon.

13. What was your most memorable Montgomery County moment? *Roving moment*?

Unfortunately, I was never able to attend these shows.

14. If you attended the Centennial in 2009, what were your greatest experiences from it?

Regrettably, I was unable to attend.

15 What Westie author/artist influenced you the most?

John Marvin had a strong influence on my Westie education.

16. Do you have a favorite Westie collectible(s)?

A black and white (Scottie and Westie) figurine I have is my special favorite.

17. Are you or were you active in any regional Westie Clubs?

I am a member of the West Highland White Terrier Club of Northern Illinois and the Parent club

18. What do you think the future holds for the breed? Where would you like to see it in 10/20 years?

Because of today's technology, Westie people should be able to create more time for the study of improving and helping Westies and the regional clubs

19. How best can WHWTCA members assure the future well-being of the breed.

We should all be choosy in our planning, and breeding and showing only healthy, quality Westies.

20. What advice can you impart to present and future Westie enthusiasts?

Acquire as much information as possible, join your local Westie club as well as local all breed clubs ask reputable breeders for guidance.